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THE germ of the following record was printed in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register for July, 1864, with nearly this introduction:

"'ADAMS, WILLIAM, Cambridge 1635, or earlier, freem. 22 May 1639, rem. prob. bef. 1642, to Ipswich, but at C. had William, Nathaniel, and Samuel, prob. b. in Eng. and he d. 1661.' So much may be read in the Genealogical Dictionary of New England; but except that one line of the descendants of William junior is traced by Miss F. M. Caulkins in Vol. XXXI. of the Collections of the Mass. Historical Society, and by another hand in Vol. VIII. of the N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register, nothing more is known concerning this family; and the author of the latter article, Dr. Ashbel Woodward, 'says, 'The descendants of Wm. in the male line have long since become extinct'; while Mr. Frederick Kidder, the Historian of New Ipswich, conjectures that Ephraim Adams of that place was gr.-gr.-grandson of William junior. I have lately made investigations which show that the statement of Dr. Woodward and the supposition of Mr. Kidder are both wrong. * * * *" To this I have only to add that fuller researches show that the family is in fact a large one.

1. I. The first certain knowledge we have of WILLIAM ADAMS is as a commoner of Ipswich, where he is found 31 January, 1642; but he was very probably made Freeman of Mass. 22 May, 1639. He was a Selectman 1646, and died in 1661; his widow was living in 1681. He probably lived in or near what is now Hamilton. Children:

i. William. 2
ii. John, b. about 1631. 3
iii. Samuel. 4
iv. Hannah, b. ———; m. 6 December, 1659, Francis Muncy of Ipswich, and probably secondly John Kimball.
v. Mary, b.———; m. 29 February, 1660, Thomas French of Ipswich.
vi. Nathaniel, b. about 1641. 5

SECOND GENERATION.

2. II. WILLIAM ADAMS, born ——; married Elizabeth, daughter of Simon Stacy of Ipswich; died at Ipswich 18 January, 1659; she died in 1655. Children, probably born at Ipswich:

i. William, b. 27 May, 1650. 6
ii. Simon. 7
iii. John, b. ——; living in 1699; probably left no descendants.

3. II. JOHN ADAMS, born about 1631; married Rebecca ——, who died with her child 31 December, 1666, and he married secondly Sarah ——. Children, born at Ipswich:

i. John, b. 11 March, 1668. 8
ii. Mary, b. 26 August, 1670; m. Joseph Whipple of Ipswich; d. 16 June, 1734; he d. 14 December, 1729.
iii. ——, b. in May, 1676; d. 2 June, 1676.

His wife died 31 May, 1676, and he married thirdly 8 May, 1677, Dorothy (?) Dorcas Dwitt; was Lieutenant; died at Ipswich in 1703; she died 9 November, 1707, aged 68. Child, born at Ipswich:

iv. Dorcas, b. 16 March, 1678; m. Daniel Warner of Ipswich; d. 13 May, 1749; he d. 29 January, 1754.

4. II. SAMUEL ADAMS, born ——; married 20 December, 1664, Mehitable, probably daughter of George Norton of Ipswich; was living in 1690. Children, born at Ipswich:

i. Mehitable, b. 27 October, 1665; m. 11 October, 1685, John Osborn of Ipswich.
ii. Mary, b. 20 October, 1667.
iii. Samuel, b. 26 December, 1670.
iv. William, b. 26 January, 1673.
v. Sarah, b. in June, 1677.

5. II. NATHANIEL ADAMS, born about 1641: Freeman of Massachusetts 27 May, 1674; married 30 June, 1668, Mercy, daughter of Thomas Dickinson of Rowley: died at Ipswich 11 April, 1715; she died (?) 12 December, 1735. Children, born at Ipswich:

i. Nathaniel, b. 11 July, 1670. 9
ii. Thomas, b. 14 June, 1672. 10
iii. Mercy, b. 1 April, 1674; d. 13 June, 1674.
iv. Sarah, b. 19 July, 1675; m. —— Fairfield.
v. William, b. 29 June, 1678; probably d. young.
vi. Mercy, b. 18 March, 1680; m. 4 February, 1703, John Smith of Ipswich, who d., and she m. secondly 18 September, 1716, Archie Abbot of Ipswich; d. 11 September, 1733; he d. 16 June, 1767.
vii. Samuel, b. 29 June, 1682. 11

THIRD GENERATION.

6. III. WILLIAM ADAMS, born at Ipswich 27 May, 1650; Harvard College 1671, Rev.; Freeman of Massachusetts 9 January, 1674; married 21 October, 1674, Mary, daughter of William Manning of Cambridge. Children, born at Dedham:

i. Mary, b. 12 November, 1675; d. 13 April, 1676.
ii. Eliphalet, b. 26 March, 1677. 12
iii. William, b. 17 January, 1679; d. 15 August, 1679.

His wife died 24 June, 1679, and he married secondly 27 March, 1680, Alice, daughter of William Bradford of Plymouth; was settled at Dedham 1673–85; died 17 August, 1685; his widow married James Fitch of Norwich, Conn. Children, born at Dedham:

iv. Elizabeth, b. 23 February, 1681; m. at Norwich, Conn. 4 September, 1696, Rev. Samuel Whiting of Windham, Conn., who d. 27 September, 1725, and she m. secondly Rev. Samuel Niles of Braintree; d. at New Haven 21 January, 1767; he d. 1 May, 1762.
v. Alice, b. 3 April, 1682; m. in January, 1701, Rev. Nathaniel Collins of Enfield; d. 19 February, 1735; he d. in 1756.
vi. William, b. 17 December, 1683.
vii. Abiel, b. 15 December, 1685; m. Rev. Joseph Metcalf of Falmouth, who d. 24 May, 1723, and she m. secondly Rev. Isaac Chauncy of Hadley, who d. in 1745.

7. III. SIMON ADAMS, born at Ipswich ———; married Hannah ———; was a soldier in the Narragansett Campaign; died at Ipswich 17 October, 1723; she died 6 May, 1727. Children, born at Ipswich:

i. Sarah, b. ———; m. in 1713, Henry Russell of Ipswich.
ii. Hannah, b. 18 January, 1692; m. 23 May, 1728, John Gammage of Ipswich; d. 10 March, 1753; he d. 25 April, 1753.
iii. Simon, b. 20 October, 1694; d. 24 December, 1721.
iv. Daniel, b. 26 November, 1697; d. 26 November, 1773.

8. III. JOHN ADAMS, born at Ipswich 11 March, 1668; married 22 May, 1690, Hannah Treadwell of Ipswich; died in 1717; she died 23 October, 1733. Children, born at Ipswich:

i. Hannah, b. 25 April, 1691; m. in 1725, Jonadab Waite of Ipswich, who d. 6 July, 1761.
ii. Sarah, b. ———; m. Samuel Gardner.
iii. Abigail, b. ———; m. in 1727, Thomas Brown of Wenham.
iv. John, b. about 1700. 13
v. Mary, b. ———; m. 26 February, 1728, Daniel Choate of Ipswich.
vi. Priscilla, b. in 1712; m. in 1734, Nathan Chapman of Ipswich.

9. III. NATHANIEL ADAMS, born at Ipswich 11 July, 1670; married in January, 1693, Abigail, daughter of Caleb Kimball of

Ipswich; died 31 August, 1736; she died 30 May, 1755. Children, born at Ipswich:

i. Nathaniel, b. 1 March, 1695; d. at Boston 25 October, 1712.
ii. William, b. 26 November, 1696. 14
iii. Abigail, b. 6 December, 1699; m. in 1718, William Goodhue of Ipswich; d. 10 September, 1764; he d. 17 April, 1765.
iv. Caleb, b. 13 February, 1702. 15
v. Mercy, b. 25 February, 1704; m. in 1723, Thomas Savery of Bradford.
vi. Robert, b. 14 October, 1705.
vii. Anna, b. 25 March, 1708; m. in 1725, John Woodman of Newbury.
viii. Mary, b. in 1714; m. in 1732, Thomas Lamson of Ipswich, who d. 31 August, 1751.

10. III. THOMAS ADAMS, born at Ipswich 14 June, 1672; married Bethiah ———; died at Ipswich 24 October, 1729; she died (?) 12 January, 1742. Children, born at Ipswich:

i. Bethiah, b. 21 October, 1694; d. 26 June, 1710.
ii. Sarah, b. 2 April, 1697; m. 7 February, 1717, Josiah Bishop of Ipswich.
iii. Thomas, b. 31 August, 1699. 16
iv. Joseph, b. 12 November, 1702. 17
v. Lydia, b. 16 December, 1704; m. 12 January, 1723, Benjamin Woodbury of Ipswich.
vi. Elizabeth, b. 22 June, 1707; m. 18 April, 1728, Peter Lamson of Ipswich.
vii. Benjamin, b. 22 April, 1710.
viii. Charles, b. in 1712; m. in 1733, Mary Perkins of Wenham.
ix. Bethiah, b. in 1714; probably d. young.

11. III. SAMUEL ADAMS, born at Ipswich 29 June, 1682; married in 1706, Mary, daughter of Andrew Burley of Ipswich; died 13 August 1747; (?) she died at Worcester 5 March, 1772, aged 84. Children, born at Ipswich:

i. Mary, b. 27 July, 1708; m. 27 June, 1733, Abner Stow of Grafton, who d. 8 December, 1783.
ii. Sarah, b. 2 March, 1710; m. 9 January, 1729, James Whipple of Ipswich, after of Grafton; d. 22 November, 1759; he d. 8 February, 1759.
iii. Samuel, b. 19 January, 1711. 18
iv. Nathaniel, b. in 1712; (?) m. in 1746, Martha Emerson of Ipswich; perhaps moved to Worcester.
v. Andrew, b. in 1715. 19
vi. James. 20
vii. John, b. ———; m. 31 October, 1745, Mary Hunt of Concord; moved to Sutton.
viii. Jonathan, b. in (?) 1722; perhaps moved to Shrewsbury.
ix. Elizabeth, b. ———; m. ——— Dane.
x. Eunice, b. ———; m. in 1747, George Andrews of Ipswich.

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FOURTH GENERATION.

12. IV. ELIPHALET ADAMS, born at Dedham 26 March, 1677; Harvard College 1694, Rev.; married 15 December, 1709, Lydia, daughter of Alexander Pygan of New London, Conn. Children, born at New London:

i. William, b. 17 October, 1710; Yale College 1730, Rev.; d. 25 September, 1798.
ii. Pygan, b. 27 March, 1712.*
iii. Mary, b. 5 March, 1714; m. 13 November, 1733, Jonathan Gardiner, who d. in 1735, and she m. secondly 29 October, 1738, John Bulkley of Colchester, Conn.; d. 24 January, 1750; he d. 21 July, 1753.
iv. Thomas, b. in 1715–16; Yale College, 1737; d. 7 September, 1753.†
v. Samuel, b. 11 August, 1717; d. young.
vi. Lydia, b. 20 February, 1720; d. 17 July, 1721.

His wife died 6 September, 1749, and he married secondly at Boston 21 September, 1750, Elizabeth Wass of Boston; was settled at New London 1709–53; died 4 October, 1753.

13. IV. JOHN ADAMS, born at Ipswich about 1700; married in 1725 Phebe Burnham of Ipswich; died 28 November, 1729; his widow married in 1732, Nathaniel Cross of Ipswich. Children, born at Ipswich:

i. Lucy, b. in 1726; d. 19 January, 1737.
ii. Eunice, b. in 1728; m. in 1744, Isaac Smith of Ipswich.

14. IV. WILLIAM ADAMS, born at Ipswich 26 November, 1696; married in 1716 Mary, daughter of John Warner of Ipswich. Children, born at Ipswich:

i. Mary, b. in 1717; m. in 1738, William Whipple of Ipswich.
ii. Abigail, b. in 1719; m. in 1744, Joseph Bolles of Ipswich.
iii. William, b. in 1722.
iv. Nathaniel, b. in 1727; m. in 1757, Ruth Bolles of Ipswich.
v. Sarah, b. in 1729; m. in 1750, Jacob Low of Wenham.
vi. ——— son, (?) John, b. in 1731; m. in 1754, Mary Lamson of Ipswich.

15. IV. CALEB ADAMS, born at Ipswich 13 February, 1702; married 3 February, 1731, Esther Brown of Ipswich. Children, born at Ipswich:

i. Caleb, b. in 1732; m. in 1754, Hannah Lamson of Ipswich, who d. soon, and he m. secondly in 1757, Margaret Davison of Wenham.
ii. Esther, b. in 1733; m. in 1754, Moses Cummins of Ipswich.
iii. George, b. in 1735; m. 27 June, 1757, Elizabeth Rogers of Ipswich.
iv. Mary, b. in 1738.‡

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* For descendants, all in female lines, see Collections of Mass. Hist. Soc., XXXI.
† See Collections of Mass. Hist. Soc., XXXI.
‡ She is recorded as daughter of Caleb and Mary, so that her mother *may* have been second wife, but probably it was a mistake of the clerk.

16. IV. THOMAS ADAMS, born at Ipswich 31 August, 1699; married 17 April, 1722, Deborah Knowlton of Ipswich; died in 1765. Children, born at Ipswich:

i. Thomas, b. 15 February 1723. 21
ii. Ezekiel, b. ———: m. in 1748, Judith Preston of Beverly.
iii. Ephraim, b. about 1726: m. 6 April, 1749, Lydia Kinsman of Ipswich; moved to New Ipswich; d. 26 March, 1799.*
iv. Benjamin, b. in 1728; m. 18 April, 1751, his cousin Priscilla Adams (17. i.); moved to New Ipswich; d. 5 May, 1815.†
v. Joseph, b. in 1733; d. in 1734.

17. IV. JOSEPH ADAMS, born at Ipswich 12 November, 1702; married 10 January, 1728, Priscilla Warner of Ipswich. Children:

i. Priscilla, b. at Ipswich 3 January, 1729: m. at Concord 18 April, 1751, her cousin Benjamin Adams (16. iv.); d. at New Ipswich 19 February, 1791.
ii. Lydia, b. at Ipswich 16 October, 1730: d. 3 July, 1731.
iii. Mary, b. at Concord 5 May, 1733; d. 9 September, 1733.

He was a cooper, and 27 November, 1730, bought of Daniel Raymond of Concord eighty acres of land in Concord on the way to Chelmsford; moved to Concord, where his wife died 6 January, 1734, and he married secondly 4 November, 1736, Dorothy, daughter of Joseph Merriam of Concord; died at Concord 10 May, 1790; his widow died 25 July, 1791, her death being "caused partly by a fall." Children, born at Concord:

iv. Dorothy, b. 26 August, 1737; d. 10 April, 1766.
v. Ruth, b. 14 January, 1739: m. 8 September, 1761, Peter Fletcher of New Ipswich; d. 28 April, 1816; he d. 11 April, 1812.
vi. Mary, b. 14 March, 1742: m. 24 April, 1760, Isaac Appleton of New Ipswich: d. 22 May, 1827: he d. 25 February, 1806.‡
vii. Bethiah, b. 3 June, 1744: d. 30 September, 1753.
viii. Mercy, b. 14 January, 1747; m. 21 April, 1768, Benjamin Pollard of Lincoln, who d. and she m. secondly Jonas Whiting; d. at Norway, Me., 12 August, 1815.
ix. Lydia, b. 22 August, 1750; m. 28 April, 1774, Joseph Chandler of Concord; d. 10 December, 1829; he d. 19 January, 1815.

18. IV. SAMUEL ADAMS, born at Ipswich 19 January, 1711; married in 1738, Sarah Treadwell of Ipswich; died 26 August, 1757. Child, born at Ipswich:

i. Sarah, b. in 1739.

19. IV. ANDREW ADAMS, born at Ipswich in 1715: married 15 October, 1741, Elizabeth Hunt of Concord. Children, born at Grafton:

i. Elizabeth, b. 4 March, 1744: m. ——— Waters.

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* For descendants see History of New Ipswich.
† For descendants see History of New Ipswich; from him comes Prof. Charles K. Adams of University of Michigan, interested in the Genealogy of the Family.
‡ These were the grandparents of the author.

ii. Ruth, b. 25 April, 1746; m. John Whipple of Grafton.
iii. Mary, b. 28 December, 1748; m. Daniel Grout of Grafton and Acworth, N. H.
iv. Andrew, b. 21 October, 1751; m. Lucy Merriam; d. 25 August, 1814.*
v. Sarah, b. 30 April, 1754; m. 22 June, 1774, Solomon Rand of Rindge, N. H.
vi. Nathaniel, b. 1 January, 1756; m. Mary Harrington; d. 24 January, 1829.*
vii. Martha, b. 23 December, 1759; m. Daniel Whipple of Grafton and Walpole, N. H.

His wife died at Grafton 9 August, 1770, and he married secondly 30 May, 1771, Mrs. Sarah Torrey of Mendon; lived at Grafton.

20. IV. James Adams, born at Ipswich ———; married in 1741, Elizabeth Dane of Ipswich; lived at Sutton; died 4 August, 1804. Children, born at Sutton:

i. James, b. ———; d. young.
ii. Nathaniel, b. ———; m. Lucy Woods of Southboro'.
iii. Francis, b. ———; m. 11 April, 1789, Abigail Taft.
iv. Elizabeth, b. ———; m. David Temple of Grafton.
v. Samuel.† [1811.‡
vi. Israel, b. ———; m. 10 January, 1787, Joanna Dodge; d. 11 May,
vii. Anna, b. ———; m. 3 December, 1772, Ezekiel Goldthwait.
viii. Lydia.
ix. Moses, b. in 1760; m. 29 March, 1786, Elizabeth Whipple of Grafton; d. 2 May, 1839; she d. 1 February, 1844.
x. James, b. ———; m. 29 November, 1787, Hannah Potter.‡

FIFTH GENERATION.

21. V. Thomas Adams, born at Ipswich 15 February, 1723; married in 1744, Elizabeth Brown of Ipswich; died in 1790. Children, born at Ipswich:

i. Deborah, b. 1 May, 1745; probably d. young.
ii. Elizabeth, b. 5 December, 1746; m. in 1776, Daniel Appleton of Buxton; d. 5 September, 1832; he d. 14 March, 1836.
iii. Hannah, b. 10 February, 1749.
iv. Abigail, b. 21 September, 1750; m. Thomas Ross of Gilmanton, N. H.
v. Bethiah, b. 12 December, 1752; m. ——— Brown.
vi. Lucy, b. 1 November, 1754; m. 10 February, 1778, William Brown of Ipswich.
vii. Sarah, b. 15 January, 1756; probably d. young.
viii. Thomas, b. 2 September, 1757; m. Anna Porter; d. at Gilmanton, N. H., 6 May, 1844.§

* For descendants see History of Grafton.
† See History of Grafton.
‡ See History of Sutton.
§ For descendants see History of Gilmanton.

ix. Moses, b. ———; (?) was of Beverly; d. in 1796.
x. Lydia.
xi. Mary, b. ———; m. Ephraim Smith, who d., and she m. secondly William Price of Gilmanton, N. H.

Undoubtedly of this family was ELIPHALET ADAMS of Ipswich, whom I am not able to identify, but who married in 1730, Anna Morse of Newbury. Children, born at Ipswich:

i. Sarah, b. in 1732.
ii. Anna, b. in 1733–4.
iii. Moses, b. in 1735.
iv. Aaron, b. in 1738.

William Adams (1. I.) left a will, of which there is no trace, except that it was proved at Ipswich Court 25 March, 1662. In 1668, Nathaniel and Samuel Adams executed articles of agreement concerning the estate of their father William, in which reference is made to the will, to their mother as living, to their brother John and sisters.

William Adams (2. II.) died intestate, and administration was granted by Ipswich Court to his father and brother John; on the father's death, Nathaniel the brother was put in his place. It was stated that the deceased left eldest son William, and two other children. 29 March, 1692, Lieut. John Adams, aged 60 and upwards, made a deposition, in which he named his father William, and his brother William, who left three sons, William, Simon and John.

John Adams (3. II.), Simon (7. III.) and Daniel his son, John (8. III.) and Hannah his widow, Thomas (10. III.), Samuel (11. III.), John (13. IV.), Thomas (16. IV.) and Thomas (21. V.), all left wills recorded at Salem, where is also found the settlement by division of estate of Nathaniel (9. III.).

M' NATHANIEL ADDAMS
DIED: APRIL Ye 11, 1715
IN Ye 74 YEAR OF
HIS AGE:
NOW HES GON TO ETER=
NALL REST
GOD WIL HIM SAFLY KEEP
ALLTHOUGH HES BURIED
IN Ye DUST
IN JESUS HE DOTH SLEEP,
O YOU HIS CHILDREN
THAT ARE LEFT
I PRAY LET SOME BE FOUND
THAT DO ENDEAVOUR
TO MAKE GOOD
YOUR FOREGON LEADERS
GROUND
GRAVE SAINT BEHIND
THAT CANNOT FIND
THY OLD LOVE NIGHT NOR
MORN:=: PRAY LOOK A
BOVE FOR THERS YOUR LOVE
SINGING WITH Ye
FIRST BORN.

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